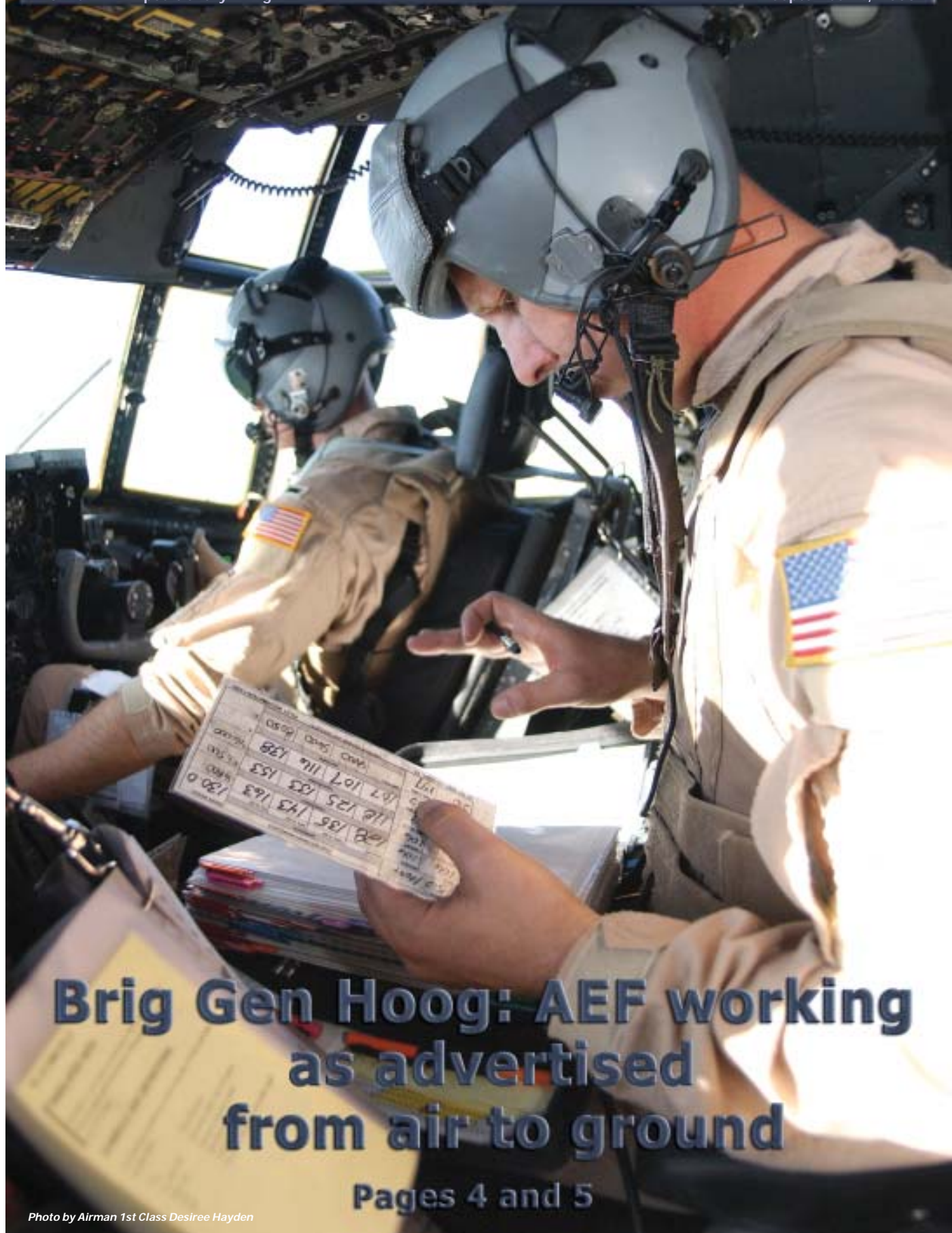


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GLO links Army, Marine speak, Air Force pilots – result, bombs on target

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Coalition forces destroyed three terrorist safe houses in the Iraqi cities of Husaybah and Karabilah using precision-guided bombs Tuesday morning. Bombs that the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Ground Liaison Officer (GLO) here helped put on target.

Events like the one Tuesday are a self-critiquing affair, according to Army Capt. Philip Messer, 379th AEW GLO.

“When pilots destroy an insurgent strongpoint so ground guys up north don’t have to storm into it or when we are able to relay a report that leads to the capture or death of enemy forces or prevent frendlies from getting hurt ... that’s the most rewarding part of what we do,” said Captain Messer.

As the commander’s senior advisor on Army doctrine, tactics, techniques and

procedures, the GLO is essentially a one-stop shop for questions the commander or subordinate commanders have about Army or Marine Corps operations.

“I serve as a direct link between the supported ground units in the field and the wing to help facilitate air-ground integration on the battlefield,” Captain Messer said. “Our pre-mission brief helps pilots provide the best support possible from the air.”

“Our job is to paint the best picture we can of the scenario pilots will be flying into before they go out on a mission,” said Army Sgt. 1st Class David Peters, 379th AEW GLO. “We let them know what is going on, what ground forces are requesting, who they’re supporting and what the people on the ground are doing so, once they arrive in the area and contact ground forces directly, they have a clearer

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Capt. Philip Messer, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing ground liaison officer briefs newcomers during a Right Start briefing Monday. “The right start briefing I provide helps remind Airmen about the realities of life up north (in support of operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom),” said Captain Messer. Regardless of your job “the mission they fulfill here is important.”

And they’re off ...

The services squadron staff sponsors a 5K run in celebration of Labor Day, Monday, and the Air Force Birthday, Sept. 18. Everyone is invited to participate and are encouraged to sign up no later than the day before the fun run. The End of Rotation Bash 5K, Aug. 17, was off to a strong start (right) with Senior Airman Adam Kuchy, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, opening in the lead and finishing first (inlay) with a time of 17:43. Airman Kuchy, who ran with a recent foot injury Aug. 17, has finished first in all of the 5Ks he has participated in here. His best time here is 17:40 and he also has a 10K time of 38:36. Services scheduled events may change without notice, for more information, call 437-8711.



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